

HOUSE BILL 2279

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 8; Title 37 and Title 38, relative to AMBER
alerts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) The director of the Tennessee bureau of investigation may unilaterally
authorize the use of the statewide infrastructure of the America's Missing Broadcast
Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert system if the director has a reasonable belief that
a child abduction has occurred and that information known about the victim and the
abduction are sufficient for the director to reasonably believe that the use of the AMBER
Alert system would assist in recovery of the victim or perpetrator, or both.

(b) The director may issue an AMBER Alert under subsection (a) regardless of
whether each criterion is met to issue the AMBER Alert so long as the director complies
with subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.